

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

DO HYEONG KWON,

Defendant.

Protective Order

23 Cr. 151 (PAE)

The Honorable Paul A. Engelmayer, U.S. District Judge:

On the motion of the United States of America, by Matthew Podolsky, Attorney for the United States, acting under authority conferred by 28 U.S.C. § 515, through his counsel, Marguerite B. Colson, Jared Lenow, Sarah Mortazavi, and Kimberly Ravener, Assistant United States Attorneys (the “Government”), pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(d), and for good cause shown, the Court hereby finds and orders as follows:

1. With the exception of publicly available documents and documents contained in a defendant’s own electronic devices and accounts, and without limiting any defendant’s rights under the United States Constitution or the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure other than as expressly set forth in this Order, all materials, including documents, objects and information, including electronically stored information, that are provided by the Government to the defendant in this action pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure; Title 18, United States Code, Section 3500; *Brady v. Maryland*; or *Giglio v. United States*, are considered “Protected Information” unless otherwise indicated by the Government.

2. Protected Information disclosed to the defendant or to his counsel in this case during the course of proceedings in this action, which includes materials that the Government believes affect the privacy, confidentiality, and business interests of individuals and entities:

a. Shall be used by the defendant and his counsel only for purposes of defending this criminal action;

b. Shall not be disclosed in any form by the defendant or his counsel except as set forth in paragraph 2(c) below; and

c. May be disclosed by the defendant or his counsel in this action only to the following persons (hereinafter “Designated Persons”):

i. investigative, secretarial, clerical, paralegal and student personnel employed full-time or part-time by defense counsel in connection with this action;

ii. expert witnesses, investigators, advisors, consultants and vendors retained or consulted by the defendant and/or his counsel in connection with this action;

iii. foreign counsel representing the defendant in South Korea, Montenegro, or elsewhere in connection with this action;

iv. prospective witnesses, and their counsel, to the extent deemed necessary by defense counsel, in connection with this action; and

v. such other persons as hereafter may be authorized by agreement, in writing, of the parties or by the Court upon the defendant’s motion.

d. Shall not be transferred out of the United States, although the defendant or his counsel may display the Protected Information on a read-only basis to, and discuss the Protected Information with, Designated Persons located outside the United States.

3. Protected Information disclosed to the defendant or his counsel during the course of proceedings in this action, including any and all copies made of said material, shall, at

the conclusion of this matter, either be returned to the Government or shredded and destroyed.

This matter will be concluded upon expiration of either the conclusion of any litigation related to the above-captioned case, including direct appeal and interlocutory appeal, or dismissal of the charges against the defendant.

4. The defendant or his counsel shall provide a copy of this Order to each Designated Person to whom materials subject to the protections of this Order are disclosed pursuant to paragraph 2 above. Designated Persons shall be subject to this Order, and may not disclose Protected Information to any third party.

5. No defendant, defense counsel, or Designated Person shall disclose Protected Information to members of the media, nor shall they post any Protected Information on any Internet or network site (such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other social networking and media sites and applications) to which persons other than the defendant, defense counsel, and Designated Persons have access.

6. The provisions of this Order shall not be construed as preventing the use or disclosure of any Protected Information in any motion, public filing, hearing, or trial held in this action or to any district or magistrate judge of this Court for purposes of this action.

7. The Government may at any time during the pendency of this proceeding designate materials, including documents, objects and information, including electronically stored information, constituting Protected Information as “Highly Confidential,” when, in the good faith determination of the Government, disclosure of such materials is prohibited by statute or regulation or otherwise is not in the public interest. Materials designated “Highly Confidential” shall be subject to the same terms as “Protected Information” (including but not limited to the terms set forth in paragraph 2, above), except that the defendant and defense counsel will not attach any materials designated Highly Confidential pursuant to this Order to any public filings with the Court

or publicly disclose, other than at trial, any such materials, or their contents in any other manner, without either giving prior notice to the Government or seeking an Order of the Court permitting the use, public filing, or public disclosure of the materials.

8. By acknowledging this Order, the defendant and defense counsel do not concede that any materials are Protected Information or Highly Confidential and defense counsel may challenge at any time the Government's designation of materials as Protected Information or Highly Confidential. If any dispute should arise between the parties to this action as to whether any documents, materials or other information is Protected Information or Highly Confidential subject to the provisions of this Order, such documents, materials and information shall be considered Protected Information or, if so designated pursuant to paragraph 7, Highly Confidential, pending further Order of this Court.

9. The terms of this Order shall not apply to materials, including documents, objects, data, or information received by the defendant or defense counsel from a source other than the Government. To the extent that the Government's discovery contains materials and information that are also publicly available, not as the result of any violation of this Order, nothing in this Order shall restrict the use of such publicly available materials. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Order shall restrict the defendant or his counsel's use of discovery obtained in *SEC v. Terraform Labs*, 23 Civ. 1346 (S.D.N.Y.), except use of such discovery remains subject to the requirements of the Protective Order in that case.

10. Nothing in this Order shall preclude defense counsel at any time from entering into an agreement with the Government, and/or seeking an order from this Court, excluding certain specified discovery materials from the scope of this Order.

Dated: New York, New York
January __, 2025

THE HONORABLE PAUL A. ENGELMAYER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Acknowledgment of Protective Order

I, Do Hyeong Kwon, have read and reviewed the proposed Protective Order in the case of *United States v. Kwon*, 23 Cr. 151 (PAE), and I understand it.



Do Hyeong Kwon

I, Mike Ferrara, Esq., have read and reviewed the proposed Protective Order in the case of *United States v. Kwon*, 23 Cr. 151 (PAE), I understand it, I have conferred with my client, Do Hyeong Kwon, about it.



Mike Ferrara, Esq.
Attorney for Do Hyeong Kwon